	Other Hindu (backward or depressed)	95
	Romo Syrian	135
	Latin Catholic	43
	Other Christian	93
	Muslim	20
	Jew, Anglo-Indian, etc.	8
3.	Nayar	69
	Tamil Brahmin	18
	Ezhuva	22
	Pulaya	Nil
	Other Hindu	25
	Other Hindu (backward or depressed)	5
	Romo Syrian	29
	Latin Catholic	10
	Other Christian	25
	Muslim	3
	Jew, Anglo-Indian, etc.	2

Appointments—Departments not open to women.

106. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a list of departments which are not open to women for holding appointments?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—No hard and fast rules have been laid down restricting the appointment of women in any department.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Are there Departments at present in which no women are being entertained?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—There are, e. g. Police, Excise, Jail, Village Offices. No hard and fast rule has been laid.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*).—May I know why they are not appointed in those Departments? Are there not proper applicants coming?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—Partly due to requirements as to physical fitness. There are also no applicants for these departments.

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Mrs. Meenakshi N. Menon *(Nominated).*—Whether women can become heads of Departments?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—There is no obstacle.

Applicants for posts.

107. Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how many applicants were on the waiting list for entertainment to Sirkar service kept by the various departments of the State at the time final orders were passed on the constitution of the Staff Selection Board (number of people entertained in service at any time and that of people not at all entertained may be given separately);

(b) how many of these had applied for posts before the age of 25 and how long each of them was waiting;

(c) what were the qualifications of the candidates who were not entertained; how many of them were graduates and Honours men?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—

(a), (b) and (c) The particulars furnished by the Member are not definite enough to enable Heads of Departments to collect usefully accurate statistics. Moreover, Government think that time and labour involved in the collection of such statistics are not commensurate with the purpose served.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Will it not reduce the enormity of the problem of unemployment?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—The q estion is with regard to the waiting list.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ *(Ezhuvas North).*— ഇതിൽ 'Government think that time and labour involved in the collection of such statistics are not commensurate with the purpose served' എന്നു പറയുന്നുണ്ട്. ഏതാണ്ട് ഇതുപോലെയുള്ള ഒരു ചോദ്യം ഞാനും ചോദിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. എജ്ജ്ബാർ എക്സ്പ്ഷൻ അപേക്ഷകരം അധികമുള്ളതു് ഈഴവരിൽനിന്നായിരിക്കുമെന്നുള്ള ഉദ്ദേശത്തോടുകൂടിയാണ്. അതിനു കാരണം അവരെ പ്രോത്സാഹിപ്പിക്കുവാൻ ആളും ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കയില്ല എന്നുള്ളതാണ്. അപ്ലിക്കേഷൻ കൊടുത്തിട്ട് . . . .

Mr. President.—But the Ezhuva Community will never be passed over for want of proper candidates within the age

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